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Public Hearing Today on Court Security And Access to Court Services

Statewide Testimony before Judicial Council in San Francisco

San Francisco—More than 20 experts and citizens from across California will testify on issues relating to court security and access to state courts at a public hearing from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. today, April 14, 2005, in the Hiram W. Johnson State Office Building, Judicial Council Conference Center, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Third Floor, San Francisco.

Chief Justice Ronald M. George will preside over the hearing, which will give members of the public an opportunity to discuss their firsthand experiences with access to justice issues. Other witnesses will include judges, court officials and employees, and representatives from the business and legal service communities. Topics will include:

- Barriers to justice faced by users of court programs and services;
- Continuing concerns about safety and security in state trial courts;
- Physical access to state court facilities; and
- Independence of the judiciary.

Due to the short time available, testimony will be limited to those already scheduled to speak. Written testimony is welcome and may be forwarded to the Judicial Council at: Secretariat, Administrative Office of the Courts, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102-3688.

Sponsored by the Judicial Council, the hearing will be audiocast live on the California Courts Web site. To access the link, click on <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/> and scroll down to “audiocast.”

The Judicial Council also will hold a public meeting on Friday, April 15, 2005, at the same location. The agenda for that meeting is available at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/>.

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